

Remarks

Claim 45 and new claims 50-60 are pending. Claims 50-58, which depend on claim 45, have been added to include the limitations of cancelled claims 32, 34-40 and 44. Accordingly, claims 32, 34-40 and 44 have been cancelled without prejudice. In addition, claims 59 and 60 have been added to include the limitations of claim 45 together with claims 48 and 49, respectively. Accordingly, claims 48 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments above and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated claim 45 is allowable and Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this allowance. As noted above, new claims 50-60 include all of the limitations of claim 45. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit these claims are also allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 25, 32-44, and 48-49 as being obvious over the publications cited in the Office Action mailed November 5, 2008. Applicants have cancelled claims 25, 32-44 and 48-49 rendering these rejections moot.

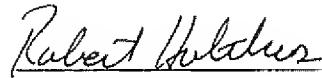
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

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